

(Washington, DC) – Today, Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) announced his selection to the powerful Defense Appropriations Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Ryan is filling the vacancy caused by the untimely death of Congressman John Murtha of Pennsylvania.

The Defense Appropriations Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the Department of Defense – Military, Departments of Army, Navy (including Marine Corps), Air Force, Office of Secretary of Defense, certain Defense Agencies, the Central Intelligence Agency, and Intelligence Community Staff.

“This appointment is a huge win for the 17th District. The Defense budget is the largest of all the budgets in the United States government. Having the opportunity to steer federal defense dollars to our district will accelerate the economic progress of our region and further promote the Tech Belt initiative. I will make sure everyone doing business with the Pentagon knows what a great place Northeast Ohio is to do business.”

“I have been given a very serious responsibility and a tremendous opportunity to serve on the subcommittee that provides direction and funding for our national security,” said Congressman Ryan. “I will work extremely hard to make sure the men and women who serve our great country have all of the resources they need. This seat on the Defense Appropriations subcommittee will have a significant impact on our military facilities at the Ravenna Training and Logistics Site and the Youngstown-Warren Air Reserve Wing and its 910 Airlift Wing, as well as the manufacturers and contractors in our region that provide equipment and services to the military.”

In Fiscal Year 2010, the Defense Appropriations subcommittee appropriated more than \$625.9 billion for Defense-related activities including operations and training, health care for uniformed

and civilian personnel, the maintenance of arms, equipment and facilities, and the development and purchase of new equipment.

Ryan also joined the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government and retained his seat on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education.

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